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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication responds to the Office Action mailed on January 3, 2012. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.